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T T becomes our sad duty to record the death of our brother editor, Mr. S. D. Morford, '84. The Burn is young, indeed, to have experienced the bitterness of death among its editors, but such experience comes to all, and youth is no safe-guard. Although not one of the original seven, Mr. Morford's election to the board took place at one of its first meetings and he took an active part in all the subsequent labor of starting the enterprise. On the twelfth of October he experienced the first attacks of sickness, and on the thirteenth, took to his bed, from which he never afterwards arose. Stricken almost unto death at the first blow, his life, from that time on, was a painful, unsuccessful struggle back toward health. Although lying for five months over the very brink of death, he was yet patient, hopeful to the end. The loss of his ready pen and fertile brain during his weeks of sickness has been the one great drawback with which THE BURR has had to contend. He possessed in no small degree that clear, snappy, forcible style, which is the best feature of college journalism. After Christmas it was hoped and believed that he was recovering, and indeed he had freed himself from his original disease, but a complication of other troubles arose, and he succumbed. The facts of his college life are known to all, and his talents and virtues were well appreciated. Socially he was respected and beloved by those with whom he came in contact. He possessed a large influence in his class, who gave him places of honor and trust, and would have thrust more upon him, had he been willing to accept. His career was undoubtedly the prelude to a useful and prosperous lifebright in its opening promise, successful in its brief fulfillment, and unexpressibly sad in its ending.

THE new Athletic grounds, the expenses of the grading of which Mr. E. P. Wilbur has so kindly offered to meet, are to be situated as near the University park as possible. The survey of the grounds is left in the hands of the junior engineers, and it is very likely that the selection of the spot, made by them, will be finally adopted by the University authorities.

THE placing of our exchanges in the Library for the benefit of the students, seems to have been appreciated. This arrangement has the advantage of placing before them the best college journalism, and at the same time throwing open the world of college news.

Our contemporaries, judging by the demand for them, are fully as much appreciated at Lehigh as elsewhere. THE disgraceful proceedings at the last meeting of Athletic Association can not be too strongly censured. They were childish, of a nature that rendered the transaction of any business impossible, and the riot in which they terminated, a natural and easily foreseen result. But we doubt if the existence of any amount of disorder gives the chairman the right to declare a motion carried, without calling for the votes in the negative, and without giving anyone a chance to ask for a division. It would be well if, in college meetings, we would follow the laws of good breeding and of parliamentary practice.

A T last, Mining Engineers, your course has been set right. The difficulties which seemed imminent at our last issue vanish. The five years' course men graduate with their respective classes—unless through some fault of their own—and receive then, at the end of their fourth year, the degree of Bachelor of Metallurgy. The degree of Mining Engineer is given at the completion of another year of study at the University. This seems to be the best way of solving the problem of the Mining course—at least, if it is advisable to make the course five years in length.

T is one of the disadvantages of a monthly I journal, and one which becomes early apparent to the luckless editor who undertakes to collect a little news for the same, that it always happens to come out just one day too soon or twenty-nine days too late to render its news of any value to the reader. It is just in this way that we are fixed in regard to the Washington's Birthday celebration. We went to press just twenty-four hours too soon to get the programme of exercises, and now we come around about three weeks late with our criticism. Perhaps some of our cynically inclined readers will suggest that the best way out of the difficulty is to consign said criticism to the waste basket. And that, out of respect to their feelings, is just what we have decided to do. But if particular criticism is denied us, we may yet be allowed to add the weight of our commendation of the performance as a whole, to the verdict of applause rendered by the audience. The weather was such that but ninety-odd persons gathered in the chapel at the opening of the exercises; but those who braved the storm, were amply repaid for their effort.

In our exchanges we learn that there is something "rotten" in regard to the new "College Song Book"—that some of the Eastern colleges refuse to contribute to its pages. Our committee are at work at some songs, but say that the rest of the college do not assist them. It is the duty of our students to render all the aid they can, so that the songs from Lehigh will not rank unfavorably with those of other colleges. It is to be supposed that the committee will investigate the character of the song book before sending the songs, and be sure that it will come up to the standard promised in the circulars and letters from the publisher.

T T is something which forces itself on the attention of every one who reads through a list of college exchanges, either as a matter of business or pleasure, how completely their department of poetry is given over to the love torn genus of the poetic species. The maxim, well recognized in prose, that variety is the spice of life, seems to be forgotten in poetry, and nine out of every ten pieces of verse harp on the old, old theme. Is it impossible for any other poetical idea than that of love to find place in the undergraduate mind or expression in his vocabulary? Is it impossible for him to rise above doggerel and an apostrophe to his pony, without turning to the description of the charms of some imaginary lady fair? Of course we understand that our half-fledged poet is at that tender age when his susceptibilities, like pin-feathers, are sticking out all over him, when an extended course of reading in the Seaside Library has wrought its accustomed work, and before contact with the world has knocked the sentiment out of him, or taught him to display it for the benefit of one alone. These are extenuating circumstances, but they do not render the results arising from them any less tiresome. It must be acknowledged that when some venturesome bard does attempt any other theme than that of love, his success as a general thing is not encouraging; but we feel sure that if the best versifiers would take the matter up, and stop dishing up the tender passion in every form of rhyme and rythm, until everything is reduced in their mind to a romance in four verses with patent adjustable see-saw motion, success would attend their efforts. There are other excitants of the poetic nerve than a stolen kiss. There are other denouements than that of being jilted. And it is possible to construct a refrain that shall not contain a pronoun in the feminine gender, possessive case. We have all sinned against the canons of good taste in this matter during the past, would it not be well to try the effect of a greater variety in the future.

MAN, who is old enough to come to College, certainly has the right to expect to be treated as a man, until he proves himself otherwise, and not as a school-boy. We suppose there is a tendency among some to get through college with as little work as possible, but we also imagine it is not only true of students. All know and most realize that they are cheating themselves, and if the professor treats one as a man, it is more apparent, but to be treated as a boy makes one willing to sacrifice oneself to cheat an over-watchful professor. We are utterly unable to comprehend how conversation during a recitation, if not loud enough to disturb, and when about the lesson. can be out of order. Of course, promiscuous talking in large classes could not be tolerated, but we believe it depends upon the professor if anything is more interesting than the subject of study. Where the classes are as small as they are here, and when they are composed of juniors and seniors, to be obliged to sit with sealed lips or to have to watch for the professor to look the other way for a chance to ask a question of a neighbor, else be reproved before the entire class, is, in our opinion, absurd. There are rooms in which the students are orderly and attentive without being treated as children. To pass from a recitation where what the instructor has to say is of secondary importance, to another where each man must make a wooden doll of himself to pop up when the string is pulled, is a disagreeable strain. A judicious mixture would be a relief. We believe too much discipline as bad as none, but with all the disadvantages of the latter, it has this in its favor, that it tends to make the student frank and honest and not underhanded or deceitful.

T T seems to be a necessity in the life of every well-regulated newspaper, that it should have some object for or against which it can carry on a crusade. Thus it is the aim of the New York Herald to sit on John Kelly in the most emphatic manner every time that noble sachem puts his finger in the pie of New York politics. It is equally the duty of the New York Sun to run S. J. Tilden for the presidency every four years, and then eat its words and fall into line after somebody else has been nominated. And it seems to be the self-appointed task of most small papers in college towns to truckle to the unreasonable prejudice of a certain class of their readers by pitching into and misrepresenting students every favorable opportunity, and preserving a sort of armed neutrality attitude between times.

The swift and severe action which the students of Michigan University took in a case of this kind, pledging themselves to withhold their patronage from every man who advertised in the paper in which a certain lying article appeared, soon brought the proprietor to the front with profuse explanations and apologies. The bitterness with which the students of Bowdoin regard some of the jour-

nals in their vicinity for the comments on their recent hazing affair, occasionally crops out in their paper. Lehigh students can fully appreciate the situation. They know what it is to have their actions unfavorably criticised at every slightest opportunity, and when coming in contact with—we were going to say officers, but the name officer represents a certain amount of discipline and intelligence—with watchmen who are ignorant not only of the law, but of the language in which it is written, to forego the legal satisfaction open to them rather than allow the discussion of the matter to enter the columns of the intelligent press. The fact of the business is, these one horse editors have never been college men, and consequently their knowledge of college life is about equal to that of a well educated Hottentot, and their comments on the same what we might expect from that source.

THE generous offer of Mr. E. P. Wilbur has recalled the successful work that Lehigh did last year in Athletics—at the Spring meeting with Lafayette on our grounds and at Mott Haven in May. We expected that the freshman class being large, would produce at least one or two athletes, but they have confined their exploits in college to eating and flunking. Still we believe a man wants an opportunity to show what he is able to do; that will soon be here in the shape of new and easily accessible athletic grounds and a gymnasium. We sincerely hope an effort will be made to maintain the reputation that Lehigh has in this, the only college sport which has ever been a success here. It would be an everlasting shame to drop placidly back into insignificance without a struggle to keep the place we took last year. Let those, of whom we were so proud last Spring, and any others who are ambitious for L. U. give us another chance to make "Old Lehigh's cheer sound pleasanter in the night's air than the sweetest strains of Hassler's orchestra." You do your part and we will guarantee that the boys will do theirs. Apropos, as we think intercollegiate games an excellent idea, we make the following suggestion: why not challenge some neighboring college to a contest to take place sometime between this and the games at New York in May. If the challenge is given and accepted, we would in all probabilities go to the other college and give up our own Spring meeting. But the trip would certainly be a pleasant one, and if we come home wiser but sadder men, our weak points will have been shown us and measures can be taken to strengthen them. Then again we must confess there is not enough competition here to make the men work: a dark horse is an exception and generally a failure. Almost the same men take the same event at all our meetings; even the handicapping of last Fall did not bring the hoped-for increase in the contestants. It is not right that our games should be so one-sided that it is necessary to make little or no preparation and still accomplish the same result. Now, Mr. President of the L.·U. A. A. call a meeting at the earliest opportunity and let us know whether we are going to have an interesting or humdrum meeting this Spring.

DIED.

MORFORD.—At Saucon Hall, South Bethlehem, Pa., on Friday, March 3rd, Samuel Denton Morford, in the 20th year of his age.

IN MEMORIAM.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Sophomore Class:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty in His divine providence to remove from our midst our beloved friend and classmate, Samuel Denton Morford, who, by his noble and endearing qualities, won the respect and love of all whose privilege it was to know him, and who by his patience and Christian fortitude during his long illness and throughout his weary months of suffering set us an example never to be forgotten,

Resolved, That we, the class of '84 of Lehigh University, do fully appreciate and deeply lament the great loss which we have sustained by his removal from our midst

Resolved, That, although we fail to comprehend the mysterious workings of Divine Providence, we do humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best.

Resolved, That we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, trusting in the mercy of God, who hath taken him to Himself, to soften their affliction.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to accompany his remains to his former home, and that the class attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, That we as a class do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that they be published in The Lehigh Burr and in the daily papers.

R. P. LINDERMAN, CHAS. O. HAINES, A. P. SMITH, Committee.

STUDENT ROWDYISM.

THE mighty Puck is pouring forth its vials of wrath on the heads of the luckless college students of America, and it now only remains for the Police News, or some equally chaste and elevating journal to utterly crush said heads. Mr. Puck admits that colleges may be very good institutions. He is not quite clear on this point, as he has probably never seen the inside of one himself. It is not on the colleges however that his sparkling wit and fatherly advice are expended, or even on a few of the college students. It is on the whole body collegiate, whom he sets down as a pack of ruffians. The reasoning by which he arrives at this conclusion is very logical. If half a dozen rowdies in a college, break windows or abduct one of their fellow students; then "as birds of a feather flock together" all the students in the institution must be loafers and cut-throats. Again, if the students of a college become too enthusiastic at a theatrical performance or a public lecture, all the students in the country are noisy, disagreeable brutes. Lastly: If one glass of beer costs five cents and three students in each college can drink ten glasses apiece, then a college containing two hundred students will graduate two hundred professional loafers. If the students of our colleges are as a whole ungentlemanly or rowdyish, it remains for some other journal than inconsistent *Puck* to call them to account. A rebuke from a paper with a sermon on the first page and the remainder of its contents made up of libellous cartoons and allusions, is not calculated to inspire awe or shame in the breast, of the most sensitive person, and it probably will not reform even the mildest type of "bum" student. It would be foolish to disregard the acts of violence and ruffianism which have occurred lately in some of our colleges, and we thoroughly believe in punishing the offenders, but let the punishment be on those who have disgraced themselves and not on the whole class who go to college. Please spare the colleges just a little longer, Mr. Puck, and do not waste your withering sarcasm on us, for it does not sink so deep in our hearts as you may think.

THE HISTORY OF A CRIME.

ROOM in South Bethlehem. Then you ask, why I get my mail in Bethlehem? I tell almost every one, it's because I like the walk; but I'll tell you in confidence, it must be that I'm a darned idiot, or I wouldn't walk a mile and a half to get—nothing, six days out of seven. A short time ago I sent my mail carrier, a freshman, through twelve inches of snow, and more coming as fast as it could, on a coal-black, wind-howling night, after my mail. I pitied the chap as he plowed out of doors into snow, but it couldn't be helped; I expected a letter from—that is to say, from her. You're not acquainted there, so it doesn't matter what her name is. In about an hour, back trudged freshy, with his hands just full of mail—all his own. "Well," said I, "Where's my letter? wasn't there any for me?" "Yes, there was one," said he, "but there was "due 2 cents" on it and I couldn't get it." "Couldn't get it?" said I, "Oh! you didn't have the rocks, eh? Why didn't you borrow?" "I did try to," said the boy, "but the fellows I struck were like the average L. U. boys—in the same condition as myself." So nothing would do but for me to array myself and go after that letter. Great Cæsar, what a night! I hadn't gone far when I found myself in the middle of the street, and by the time I reached

the post-office I had been laughed at seven times for being drunk. I called for the letter, paid the two cents and opened the envelope. Hagony! it was from South Bethlehem. And what was still more aggravating, it was anonymous (and a mighty good thing for the one who sent it that it was) and was intended, as the writer stated, for publication in The Burr. I turned the sheet over to read the contribution, and saw only "You're a fool."

A SENIOR'S BLUNDER.

And his nose shown through the gloom;
Soon up he rose and doff'd his clothes,
As he staggered around the room.

"These skin-tight pants no doubt enhance
The looks of my twin-limbs nether!
But soon they'll bag at the knees, and sag,
And look quite bad altogether."

"I'll inside out, turn them about,
And hang them up to drip."
One leg he turns; the other spurns
And safe eludes his grip.

He feels around 'til one is found—
The same that he turned before;—
With a great deal of care and a silent prayer,
Back again he turns this o'er.

Next day he arose and looked at his clothes With a strange inquisitive glance; Then thoughtfully said, "I went to bed And forgot to reverse my pants."

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE EPISODE.

DEEPLY absorbed in revelations of Geology, I was disturbed by a knock at my door, and at my bidding X., entered.

With a clear conscience and no sighs I put aside my books and got out the glasses, serene in the conviction that I would flunk on the morrow without fault of mine, for X——'s staying qualities were proverbial.

After the conventionalities X—— put his feet on the table and said, "did you never hear of that great ponying scheme of mine? No! Well, I'll tell you. You see, it was in our examination in Qualitative Analysis, sophomore

year. Y— and I had no hopes of passing, for as you know its all luck what solutions you get and whether the H₂S machine is working, and our luck was universally bad. We resolved therefore to clinch matters and to this end opened negotiations with some friends of ours in the senior class at Lafayette, who promised to analyze whatever we sent down to them. When the momentous day arrived we got our solutions from the office and commenced operations. We put our solutions in bottles and our solids in boxes, Y marking his with red labels and nothing more, and I mine with blue, and then by means of a string and the laboratory window we confided our grievance to a mutual junior friend who was waiting outside. You'll see how necessary all this care was when you remember how watchful they were for anything of the kind which we were attempting. Our friend took the next train to Lafayette, and with mixed feelings we returned to our desks, where indeed our ideas soon rivaled our feelings, because you see we had determined to try to discover some of the interesting ingredients of our compounds on our own hook in case of accident. We could not help feeling secure, however, and went along happily until lunch time, and it was positively painful to see with what superstitious awe the other poor dejected devils regarded us as we familiarly patted the forbiding looking bottles and trifled with the alkalies and acids. At lunch, which we were obliged to bring with us and eat at our desks, we almost made ourselves ill, having to dispose of all the lunch of the other fellows who were too scared to eat.

At about five o'clock we saw our friend wading around in the snow at the back of the University, and this being the arranged signal that everything was all right, I managed in a little while to get out in the hall. Ah, there he was! Like a fool I rushed up to him, and notwithstanding the faces he was making blurted out, 'Come let's have the papers; hurry up, I'll be missed.'

'No, gentlemen' said the laboratory boy, who happened to be near and who I took for granted was either too dumb to know anything, or else all right, 'I have orders to report anything of the kind which I see, and I'll have to do it.'

Well, here was a pretty pickle. I finally assured him that I would lose a bet of five dollars to him if he would only discover that the furnaces in the cellar needed his attention or that he was wanted up stairs. No, he would not-evidently had no political aspirations, you see, or else he was satisfied with the spoils of the Laboratory. Well, I heard some one coming and so had to dodge back into the Laboratory. You can imagine the state of our feelings. There we were on the inside with some impossible substances which we wanted very much to know something about, and there on the outside were the papers containing an accurate description of the same. We fretted and fumed, but it was no use. The people in authority from the professor down to the bottlewasher, had begun to suspect something from so much running in and out, and when next I succeeded in getting into the hall our friend with the papers had gone! That was all the good it had done us. We sorrowfully handed in to the office the best guesses we could make and went home to a gloomy supper.

Later on in the evening we saw our friend and he told us that after I had left him and gone back into the Laboratoy, the boy had told him that it would be no use, he might stay around all night he would not get the papers to us. Upon going to his room he had found a telegram awaiting him, and he showed it to us; it was from Lafayette and read as follows:

'Don't hand those papers in or you will be going back on an old friend.'

This was delightful, considering he had not seen the telegram until he had tried for all he was worth to hand the papers in. Then he told us a long story of what had happened at Lafayette. He had given the substances to our

friends in the Laboratory there, and then gone out to see the town. The professor came in and wanted to know what the students were doing. They were making an analysis they said:

- 'Evidently,' said the professor, 'for whom?'
- 'We are not at liberty to say,' said they.
- 'Very mysterious,' said the professor.
- 'Yes,' said they.

'The sophomores at Lehigh are having an examination in Qualitative Analysis to-day, are they not?' said the professor.

'Believe they are,' said they.

'Oh ho!' said the professor, and for a while they were left to analyze in peace. Just then entered our friend from Lehigh, and upon the professor desiring the pleasure of his aquaintance the Lafayette men presented him as Mr. Brown, which it is needless to say was not his right name, but answered as well as another for the time being. The professor's brain was evidently at work and he finally told the Lafayette men that he wanted some of the substances which they were analyzing, and while Brown was expostulating with him they succeeded in dumping solutions, solids and all into the sink. Brown saw the game was up and without waiting for further developments he snatched the papers containing the nearly complete analyses and started for Lehigh. We had the melancholy satisfaction of seeing the papers and finding that they differed on several points from the reports we had handed in. We also learned afterwards that the professor at Lafayette threatened to report the whole affair to the authorities at Lehigh if the papers were made use of, which little fact explained the telegram.

The next morning as I was coming down the chapel stairs utterly crest-fallen at the failure of our scheme, young Windy met me and said, 'Hello! what's the matter?'

'I don't know,' said I, raising my hand instinctively to my necktie—I was a sophomore then, you know—'What is the matter?'

'What are you looking so blue for? Do you know you've passed in Qualitative Analysis?' With a wild rush I got down stairs to the bulletin-board where the result was posted. Yes, there at the tail end of the list of passed men was X—— 6.33, and immediately following Y—— 6.00. So we had passed after all! Upon comparing the papers from Lafayette with the true composition of our substances we found that they would have netted us about the same mark. And that is the story of our great ponying scheme."

"Well, don't you draw any moral from the tale?" said I preparing to moralize on ponying in general.

"Oh yes" said X——, and he paused to contemplate the bottom of his glass, "always go into examinations as cool as our fancied security made us, and you will come out all right." Whereupon he took his departure, leaving me once more alone with my grind.

THE MONOGRAM BANGLE TREASURED.

THE god of Love has brought your coin;
'Tis here—a costly beauty;
To keep the letters on it bright
Will be my constant duty.

Nor spot nor rust shall on it come, Nor could I from it part; The bangle, now, is in my hand, Your mem'ry in my heart.

The mind of him who sent the gift,
Was brighter than this gold;
The single thought that came with it,
I love, though 't was untold.

WHAT NEXT?

T is a common occurrence for the college press to notice, generally in a spirit of raillery, their sister colleges—I mean the colleges of their sisters, maybe of their cousins, and their ——, well, I'll not say it. Our intention is however to tell nothing but the truth, nor is it a long tale; simply this, Wellesley has had a ball. Remembering her four hundred and thirty girls, and the propensity of the fair

creatures to relieve their overburdened hearts in this way, we do not mean to intimate that for Wellesley this is an uncommon thing; but such a ball! we doubt if the like was before seen. We have read of the celebrated balls of Catherine de Medici where the guests appeared in green silk-the criterion of dress being quality not quantity; but this was a paper ball—at least all the wearing apparel mentioned was of paper. Oh heavens! what a pity such paper girls were not invented in the time of Sampson, his foxes would have been nowhere, as it were. The wide-spread destruction they would have caused can be likened only to the ashes strewn in the hearts of Harvard men. had they witnessed these ravishing proceedings. If paper is strong enough for car wheels it certainly ought to hold even a Wellesley girl, yet the paper inevitably suggests the instability and flimsiness of paper napkins, or chanced you to dance with her, a stick-to-ativeness, like the paper on the wall, which would be rather alarming. One half the fair dames wore—at least, they tell us of nothing else-collars and shirt-fronts a la Harvard to distinguish them from the other half who, even on this occasion, refused to be classed among the naughty men.

The grace with which they "mashed" each other must have been truly charming; happy the men who could have caught a glimpse of this affair, to learn how they like to have it done. Wellesley's position is now assured. Heretofore one's ideas of her have vacillated, according to taste, between that of a home for indigent females, and the very embodiment of artistic perfection. Now the desire of her illustrious founder, to make her a cheap college, has been realized in more ways than one. What a glorious business opening for one of the Jewish refugees, selling second-hand clothing to Wellesley girls. We recommend to all sewing societies and poor house authorites Wellesleyan innovations. Is there a limit to the capabilities of the ninteenth century?

MARCH.

PILED high and white, armada-like,
The clouds sail swift o'er the sky,
The wind roars free, in boisterous glee,
And shrieks in the ear of the passer-by
March!

Round and full-orbed, that heathen god, The sun, at times shines bright and clear; His warmth goes down, in the cold, damp ground,

And says to the waiting flow'ret there,
March!

'T is a moral old, and oft retold,
That a warm heart lies 'neath the roughest
coat,

And to quicken life for the coming strife, Needs not balmy June, but vigorous March!

ADVERTISEMENTS.

RECOGNIZING the fact that the lack of social gaieties in the two Bethlehems during the past winter, has been due to a declared want of eligible males, the undersigned have, with their accustomed enterprise, made arrangements with the Lehigh University, and will offer for the Easter season the following novelties.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

EDITORS OF "THE BURR:"—Let me refer to the closing remarks of "Geneganslet" in your last issue; he says, "let the school of M. E. of Lehigh University, make its reputation as the schools of Mining and Civil have done, by getting practical knowledge from a practical source."

This is correct and is to-day the principle underlying the training of Technical Schools in Europe.

It is not necessary for the Mechanical Engineer to be an expert, or journeyman in the manipulation of materials, but he should be so far *practically* familiar with it as to enable him to intelligently direct *how* work should be done, and know when it is well and practically done; the result would be an enhanced value on his services.

The practical knowledge of the use of tools can be acquired by looking on, some degree of manual skill is desirable, the eye and mind must direct the hand, and any proficiency can only be acquired by practice.

No school has better facilities for familiarizing its Mechanical Engineers with the practical side of their profession, than our Alma Mater; the proximity of the Bethlehem Steel Works, whose Superintendent, Mr. John Fritz, and trustees are closely identified with Lehigh University, offers unsurpassed advantages for actual work in an atmosphere of real practical business.

A course for the senior and junior classes of eight hours every Saturday, (say two hours to each trade) would be of incalculable value to our future Mechanical Engineers; if considered necessary, an annual fee might be charged each student to cover use and waste of materials, as in the A.C. course for chemicals and apparatus consumed; this sum in addition to a small consideration from the University, would pay for the time, space and instruction given by practical foremen in these celebrated works.

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DITORS OF "THE BURR:"—Your suggestions have been so well received by the Faculty that I have been led to trespass on your good nature for enough space to make a few remarks on a subject that seems to have been overlooked.

We all commend the recent changes in the courses of study of the different schools. All the technical courses, particularly the Mining and the Mechanical, have been much improved, yet there is still one thing, it seems to me, that would add to them greatly, namely, a more thorough course in free-hand drawing. At European engineering schools much more attention is paid to this branch than in this country, and the ready pencil of their graduates is often an object of envy to engineers who have graduated here without this accomplishment; and as we have to compete with them we should be equally equipped. It is a branch which would not be used while in college to any great extent until the latter part of the junior and during the senior year; so if it were found impracticable to extend the instruction through the whole freshman year, one of the sophomore terms might be used, say the last, which with the first term freshman would give a course sufficient for all practical purposes. The free-hand drawing which is now taught during the first term freshman is of no practical value at all. There is a great difference in copying an object from its picture on a flat surface of paper and sketching it from the original. What is needed is object drawing.

Now especially, when there is rumor of coming instructors, this should be looked into and a capable man provided.

Such a course as this is better when it is elective, so that all those who are so inclined can avail themselves of such instruction, while those who do not wish it need not have time thus occupied which they desire to use otherwise.

Technical.

EXCHANGES.

NE of the best edited of our exchanges is the *Dartmouth*. The last issue contains an entertaining article on "Adulteration of Food." It is too long to be clipped but may be recommended to our readers.

"Bores" will please read and profit by the following from the Athenaeum: "It may sound a little theoretical to give advice about visiting, but this is a painfully practical subject to those who are forced to help friends in their sanguinary contest with old Time. Don't, by any means, lead a cloister life. You can't live independently of others, and if you attempt this, you will miss one of the great benefits of college life—a knowledge of all kinds of men, more intimate than can ever be obtained elsewhere. But don't indulge in what is known as 'loafing on a fellow,' seeking to inflict gossipy talk on a busy neighbor, when your brain is especially vacuous. It is best not to go to a fellow's room unless you really want to see him, and not to wear out your welcome even then. Objectless loafing does not make the idle man less restless, and is intensely aggravating to the one loafed on. So even if the retention of a pleasant welcome is of no consequence to you, don't ruffle your neighbor's temper by inconsiderate conduct."

In speaking about competing for special prizes the *Hamilton Literary Monthly* says: "The specialist systematically "cuts" all recitations. He visits libraries far and near. His every energy is put upon the oration or essay.

The thorough student, the man who ranks for an honor, is thus placed at a great disadvantage. If he "cuts" the college exercises, his rank is injured. There is but one alternative, he must do double work-keep his rank in class and compete with the specialist. The term closes the prizes are announced. Too often the specialist wins the honor. True, he also brings up with two or three delinquents—but these are quietly arranged with the faculty, while the prize is heralded abroad. Now there is not the slightest tinge of justice in such a system. The competitors do not stand upon equal ground. They do not work with equal advantages. It ought not to be that a student can pursue one study in the course to the detriment of all the others."

KERNELS.

- -Don't be an old (April) fool.
- -A nation in arms-vacci-nation
- -A readable noose-paper-Guiteau's death-warrant.
- —The seniors are now at work at the practical part of astronomy.
- —One of our flunkers suggests the following motto for adoption by the Faculty: N. B.—Mark well.
- —The season seems to be over at the opera house. In other words, Bethlehem has no show at all.
- -When disease is epidemic in the town, the Hall inmates have the bulge on those who room elsewhere.
- -W. H. Wilmath, special, has been called home by the death of his father. He will not return to college.
- -A large majority of the students are rooming on this side of the river at present,-more than ever before.
- —We have three days at Easter this year, a gain of half a day over the former allowance. Verily "the world do move"
- —The fullest account of the Annual Convention of Intercollegiate Athletic Association is to be found in *The Crimson* of March the 10th.
- —A certain sophomore stares right across the aisle every time he repeats that verse of the Te Deum, "All ye green things praise ye the Lord!"
- —The plans for an opera house to be erected in Bethlehem are being drawn. A reading room and circulating library are to be in the same building.
- —At the meeting of the senior class, held on the 10th of this month, a number of committees were appointed, chiefly relating to the coming commencement.

- —We advise all freshmen to compare their watches with the University clock on the first of next month, as on that morning it will be set by observatory time.
- —At a meeting of the Athletic Association, held March 8th, H. B. Douglass was elected to fill the vacancy of the sophomore representation on the athletic committee.
- -Persons desirous of exchanging copies of the first number of The Burr for copies of this or any preceding issue, can be accommodated by applying to the business editor.
- —At the meeting of delegates to the intercollegiate athletic association, held in New York City recently, Mr. H. F. J. Porter, class of '78, of Lehigh, resigned his position as treasurer of the association.
- —The Administration has decided upon the "removal" of Guiteau. Office seekers who wish to succeed him should present their claims at once, as the members of Congress from this district have several constituents they would like to see in his place.
- —A physician in Philadelphia while vaccinating a family, conceived the experiment of using virus from the stock of one of the city editors. The results have proved so wonderful to science that the doctor has been tendered a chair in the Medical Department of Penna. University.
- —About 40 students consisting of the sophomore class, the choir and the editors of The Burr, attended the funeral of Mr. S. D. Morford, '84, at Newton, on Monday the 6th inst. The choir sang three hymns during the service in a manner that excited much favorable comment. Recitations of the sophomore class were suspended that day.
- —A change has come over the Literary Society. From a general literary it has become a general debating society. The new order of things was tried at the last meeting with the most promising results. The proceedings are much more spicy and interesting as well as more instructive. Its members are encouraged to hope that the Society may yet become all that a literary society should be in a college like Lehigh.
- —Since the recall of the Chinese students we have heard nothing from our old friends Chin, Wong and Whang. Many have been the conjectures as to their fate in the land of rats and pig-tails. To ease our anxious minds, now comes a letter from Mr. Whang Fung Kai, dated December 16th, who, in company with Chin and Wong, is in Tientsin. Kai is attending the Imperial Naval College with the expectation of becoming a midshipman on a Chinese Man-of-war.
- —We have the pleasure of announcing to the boys that the "Immortal" Jimmy has at last been heard from. He telephones us from the backwoods of Michigan, that he is no longer engaged in his old occupation of "working the coals" or "catching speckled beauties out the back door," but has settled down, for the present, to railroad engineering. He hopes to return to Lehigh during the next year. His many friends will give him a warm welcome, but advise him to be careful not to "come back missing"

—The health officers have an ingenious method of attracting the curiosity and attention of the passers-by to the houses containing smallpox patients. A small card board sign is nailed to the door panel so that you do not notice it until directly opposite. It looks like the announcement of a sheriff's sale, or some other legal notice, and it is only when you get within about three feet of it, that you discover that you are requested to "beware of smallpox" instead of being invited to attend the sale of John Schmidt's household effects.

—The students of Ulrich's Preparatory School, have come out with a paper entitled the U. P. S. Club, and the "first deal" has for its respective page headings, "You tickle us, etc.," "Ce Monde est pleir de fous," "Pecunia est vita hominis," and "Scratch my back, etc." Mr. Bertie Frazier having been elected or appointed, or having usurped the chair of Editor-in-chief, insures success to the club. As the personal department—the entire paper—uses up, again and again, every one in the school, it is supposed that there will be no second issue.

- -Williams college also has the smallpox scare.
- -Hartford is talking of changing its college colors.
- -Trinity favors an intercollegiate tennis association.
- -Columbia has 1,587 students enrolled in all departments.
- -Yale and Harvard libraries are open Sunday afternoons.
- -A college glee club is in process of formation at Lafayette.
- —The students of Trinity want a professorship of boxing.—Ex.
- —There are said to be, in round numbers, 26,000 college students in the United States —Polytechnic.
- —A game of chess between the clubs of Pennsylvania University and Williams College is in progress. According to the P. U. Magazine, the University is coming out ahead.
- —Mr. Ko Kun-hua, Harvard's professor of the Chinese literature, is dead. He has been an occupant of that chair since Sept. 1st, 1879. His family have started on their return to China.
- —A policeman at Ithaca was nearly killed for interfering with about thirty of Cornell's students, who were singing on the streets at night. Two of the students were arrested, but were honorably acquitted. 'Rah for the ones who pounded the policeman.
- —A scientific expedition to the coast of Maine and Bay of Fundy has been originated by some of the faculty and students of Brown University. It will start immediately after commencement, and its object is to procure Zoological and Botanical specimens for their museum.
- —There are four candidates for the position of coxwain of the Yale crew, ranging in weight from 85 to 115 pounds, Mun Yu, the little celestial who has presided over the tiller-ropes in the last two races, having returned to the flowery kingdom with the rest of his brethren.

- —The students of Michigan University, being highly excited over certain articles in a daily paper, criticising their action at the opera-house, held indignation meetings and passed resolutions boycotting the supposed author of the article. Later developments have shown them to have been mistaken in their decision as to who was the offender.
- —A powerful railroad company is moving heaven and earth, and also getting in a great deal of work in the regions under the earth, in order to get a bill through the Connecticut Legislature to bridge the river at New London, at a point where the finish of the annual Yale-Harvard boat race takes place. If they succeed a new course will have to be selected.
- —At the University of Virginia, an examination begins at eight or nine in the morning, and continues throughout the day and into the evening. For a man to get through in the afternoon is a sign either of remarkable brilliancy or of failure. The students come and go during the day entirely unwatched, having pledged their honor not to give or receive assistance. A breach of faith has been known in only one or two instances. The last time it was done the students promptly shipped the offender on the next train for home.—Ex.

CLIPPINGS.

- A sophomore calls his tobacco Maud S., because it goes so fast. Trinity Tablet.
- —The only jokes women like to read are those that reflect ridicule upon the men. Hence, when a woman picks up a paper, the first thing she looks for is the marriage column.—Lx.
- —"Can I ask a question concerning the celebrated Damascus steel?" is the way a correspondent begins his letter. Certainly, we don't care a Damascus anything you want to.—Ex
- —It may be well enough to "stoop to conquer," but you had better stand up and strike from the shoulder, as your adversary might kick you under the chin while you were stooping.—Reveille.
- —Some of our Western exchanges are so heavy that we use them for paper weights.—Harvard Herald. It takes a stout paper weight to hold down some of our Eastern exchanges.—Oberlin Review.
- —There is in Chicago a girl who has been dying for the last two years; living, as it were, with one foot in the grave. The physicians have hope, however. They say she can't get the other foot in—no room. St. Louis papers please copy.—Ev.

O, gay she was, and bright, by Jove, And sweet and fair, a queen of love; My heart was pierced: what could I do? Veni, and sought an interview.

She gave it me with sweet consent, I thought I knew then what it meant, My heart beat fast and I was bold: Vidi—the half had not been told.

The all important step I take,
The conquest of her heart to make;
She blandly smiled, she tossed her head,
Vici? No! won't tell what she said.
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